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SUBJECT: PLO DELEGATION VISITS JAKARTA

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1. SUMMARY: DURING JULY 17-20 VISIT TO JAKARTA THREE-MEMBER PLO DELEGATION MET WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO, FONMIN ADAM MALIK, RELIGIUS AFFAIRS MINISTER MUKTI ALI AND LEADERS OF PARLIAMENT. PLO REPRESENTATIVES IN PRESS CONFERENCE TALKED OPTIMISTICALLY ABOUT OPENING AN OFFICE AS SOON AS CERTAIN "TECHNICAL FACTORS" HAD BEEN OVERCOME, BUT GOI WAS SILENT ON THIS SUBJECT. FACT THAT 200-MAN SECURITY DETAIL WAS ASSIGNED TO VISIT, WHICH MALIK MANAGED TO SHORTEN, IS INDICATIVE OF "TECHNICAL FACTORS" PERMANENT PLO PRESENCE RAISES FOR INDONESIANS. FURTHER INDONESIAN STALLING ON ACTUAL OPENING OF PLO OFFICE SEEMS LIKELY. END SUMMARY.

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2. A THREE-MEMBER PLO DELEGATION LED BY FAROUK ASAD KADOUMI OF THE PLO POLITICAL BUREAU VISITED JAKARTA JULY 17-20 AT THE INVITATION OF FONMIN ADAM MALIK. PRESS IDENTIFIED THE OTHER TWO MEMBERS OF DELEGATION AS MOHAMMAD SAID WASFI KAMAL, ALSO OF THE PLO POLITICAL BUREAU, AND SALWA ABU KHADLA, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE ARABIAN

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND SECRETARY OF THE PLO POLITICAL BUREAU. ACCORDING TO PRESS, OTHER COUNTRIES ON DELEGATION'S CURRENT ITINERARY WERE INDIA, SRI LANKA, MALAYSIA AND PHILIPPINES.

3. AFTER ONE HOUR INITIAL MEETING WITH DELEGATION "... TO BE BRIEFED ON LATEST SITUATION IN M.E.", FONMIN ADAM MALIK TOLD PRESS ONLY THAT PLO DELEGATION WAS ON A GOOD WILL TOUR OF SEVERAL COUNTIRES IN ASIA AND THAT HIS TALKS WITH KADOUMI WERE "TIMELY." THE DELEGATION MET ON JULY 18 WITH MALIK AGAIN AS WELL AS WITH MINISTER OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS PROFESSOR MUKTI ALI AND SPEAKERS OF THE PARLIAMENT AND PEOPLE'S CONSULATATIVE ASSEMBLY. ACCORDING TO ONE NEWSPAPER PARLIAMENT SPEAKER K.H. IDHAM CHALIK SAID THAT HE "FULLY SUPPORTED THE VIEWS OF THE PLO" AND RECOMMENDED THAT IT BE ALLOWED TO OPEN A MISSION IN JAKARTA.

4. FOLLOWING A COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT SUHARTO AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE ON JULY 19, ADOUMI HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE DURING WHICH HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE PLO WOULD OPEN A REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN JAKARTA AS SOON AS CERTAIN "TECHNICAL FACTORS" WERE OVERCOME. IN ANY CASE, KADOUMI ASSURED THE PRESS, THE OFFICE WOULD BE FUNCTIONING BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE CENEVA CONFERENCE, WHICH IS TO BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR. KADOUMI SAID THAT, CONFIDENTIAL

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DURING HIS CALL ON PRESIDENT SUHARTO, HE WAS ASSURED OF INDONESIA'S CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE PLO STRUGGLE. KADOUMI WAS QUOTED AS SAYING PLO WOULD ESTABLISH PALESTINIAN STATE ON ANY PART OF GAZA STRIP OF JORDAN WEST BANK IN ORDER FACILITATE MIDDLE EAST PEACE. HE WENT ON TO SAY "IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL, BECAUSE THIS WOULD MEAN WE RECOGNIZE OUR AGGRESSORS."

5. THE SINGAPORE AMBASSADOR TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT MEMBERS OF THIS STAFF HEARD PLO DELEGATES AT SOCIAL EVENT TAKE VERY HARD LINE ON MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. THEY REPORTEDLY DISMISSED SADAT'S RELATIVELY MODERATE STATEMENTS AS IN-CONSEQUENTIAL AND SPOKE OF ELIMINATING ISRAEL.

6. SINGAPORE AMBASSADOR ALSO REVEALED THAT FONMIN MALIK HAD CALLED HIM IN TO ASK THAT THE GOS RECEIVE PLO DELEGATION BEFORE THEIR PLANNED VISIT TO MALAYSIA SO THAT THEIR STAY IN JAKARTA MIGHT BE CURTAILED. MALIK EXPLAINED THAT SOME 200 INDONESIAN SECURITY AGENTS WERE TIED UP BY THE PLO VISIT AND THAT THIS, COMBINED WITH THE VISIT OF SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BEGINNING ON JULY 20, PLACED HEAVY STRAIN ON GOI. GOS ACCDED AND PLO LEFT

JAKARTA JULY 20 FOR SINGAPORE.

7. COMMENT: AS REPORTED REFTEL, GOI APPARENTLY AGREED OVER A YEAR AGO TO ALLOW PLO TO ESTABLISH NON-DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN JAKARTA BUT HAS EFFECTIVELY STALLED ACTUAL OPENING OF OFFICE. INDONESIAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES' DISCOMFORT WITH PLO PRESENCE ILLUSTRATED BY MALIK'S COMMENTS SUGGESTS THAT GAME MIGHT BE DRAWN OUT SEVERAL MONTHS MORE.

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